

# Outreach in Pacific Basin

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## Guam's Northern Farmers Come Out in Force

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The NRCS Guam Field Office participated in an outreach meeting with over 50 Northern Guam farmers and ranchers at the Dededo Mayor's Office on January 22, 2004. Presenters were NRCS, Department of Agriculture, Guam Economic Development Commerce Authority, the University of Guam's Extension Service, and the Northern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District.

NRCS presented programs on the Farm Bill; Sam Taylor-Soil Conservation Technician discussed the Sod and Swamp Buster provisions and Jackie Flores-Soil Conservationist discussed the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Also present were Jenifer Coleson-Soil Conservationist and Greg Yamanaka-Outreach Coordinator.

The Northern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District presented their 'sunn hemp' green manure project to the farmers. Ernie Wusstig, Chairman spoke about the benefits of using sunn hemp.

The large turnout of Guam's young and old farmers is a strong indicator that the farming industry is alive and well.



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Jackie Flores-Soil Conservationist



Sam Taylor-Soil Conservation Technician



Ernie Wusstig (right)-Northern Guam SWCD Chairman and Felix Quan (left)-SWCD Member